



Meeting Summary

TYPE OF MEETING: INITIAL MEETING INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT

DATE: June 9, 2015

TIME: 6:00pm

NAME: Nancy Kasmarski, President Waterways Homeowners Association and Eric Torrella, Waterways Homeowners Association SW 10th Street Project Liaison

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS: N/A

LOCATION: Waterways Development Club House, Waterways Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, FL

PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Pamela A. Adams, Adams Consulting Group, Inc. and Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering

PRIMARY CONTACT FOR FOLLOW-UP: Eric Torrella, Waterways Homeowners Association

The meeting began with background about how and why the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization conceived the project and project status. Pamela and Jeff provided an introduction of their professional background and experience.

Jeff described the team approach for the project. Meetings first conducted with elected officials in each city, then outreach to the adjacent community and then broader outreach to residents and businesses in the four-city study area. Based on the interviews to date, we were able to share that all of the municipal representatives want to work cooperatively to arrive at a mutually beneficial solution.

Mrs. Kasmarski and Mr. Torrella reported that community residents have heard about the project and have had a discussion about it at their last meeting. In summary, the community does not want a return of the flyover project. They are also concerned about the effects of any changes to their quality of life and property values. Mrs. Kasmarski said that she was happy to see that the project title does include the word “flyover”.

Do you have any concerns about existing conditions along the SW10th Corridor?

- a. Mrs. Kasmarski and Mr. Rotella discussed that any change in the existing conditions would impact the community. They discussed the community demographics. Ninety-

nine percent of the community residents are employed and have children. The active community residents must be able to have good access and egress to the community during peak transportation hours.

- b. The community is concerned that the western cities, Parkland and Coral Springs are only concerned with easy and fast access east to I-95. They only have one entrance and exit from the subdivision.
- c. Not a senior community, most people in the community work. Also have a lot of younger children that go to school on school buses. Bus stop is on site.
- d. The real congestion problem is at I-95.
- e. Not interested in a connection to Quiet Waters Park.
- f. There is an Aquifer and utilities in the right of way between Powerline Road and Military Trail. Will any improvement impact the water quality?
- g. The recent Turnpike access improvement to Lyons Road has increased merge conflicts because the weave from their driveway has gotten wider and vehicles are moving fast and it is hard to all the way across to get to Lyons exit ramp.
- h. Deerfield Beach gets the brunt of the traffic congestion but all have expressed a willingness to work cooperatively to identify mutually beneficial solutions.
- i. Traffic signals needs to be timed to detect vehicles present at the exit when there is no traffic on SW 10th Street.
- j. The North County Traffic signal project has been delayed.
- k. They do not want a noise wall. Noise walls reduce property values.
- l. They do not want to see construction due to noise and dust.

2. What is your vision for SW 10th Street?

The representatives do not believe that the traffic congestion is that bad for their community as a whole. During the peak hours of congestion it is their opinion that delays are only about 5 to 10 minutes. They are open minded and willing to discuss improvements that will improve conditions throughout the project area as long as the quality of life in Waterways is not negatively impacted.

Their comments include:

- a. Without images of what SW 10th Street could be, neither Mrs. Kasmarski nor Mr. Torrella had a vision for the corridor other than what it is. They ask the team to bring images of how similar situations have been addressed in other locations
- b. The community does not want to see a return of a fly over project on the roadway
- c. Community suggestions to improve current conditions:
- d. Synchronize the traffic lights along SW 10th Street
- e. Fix access to I-95 at SW 10th Street to reduce traffic congestion
- f. When asked about transit/access to transit indicated that no one ever brought it up.
- g. Fix the short weave section to get to Lyons Road from their exit.
- h. No sound wall
- i. The community touted their water quality and is concerned that construction or other improvements will negatively impact the aquifer and water supply quality

3. Our approach includes establishing a community committee to provide the SW 10th Street Project Team with various perspectives on the proposed project and to act as a channel to disseminate project information to the community and to receive feedback from the community.

- a. **Do you have any ideas about the committee? They indicated that they (meaning the residential communities) between the Turnpike and Military Trail do not want to be in a situation where they have one vote. They need to have at least 51% say in what happens here.**
- b. **What are your thoughts about the make-up and size of the committee?**
- c. **Would you recommend any citizens to participate on the committee? If yes, who? While no names were readily provided the Team suggested that they seek out civil engineers and/or planners that could understand design and infrastructure issues that could benefit them.**

4. Do you have any additional comments or thoughts that you wish to share?

- a. The community represented their concerns about any project that would decrease property values
- b. Traffic congestion resulting from a single entrance in their development
- c. Access for emergency vehicles and police into the development
- d. Impact of a construction project on the health of community residents
- e. Noise and dust what will be generated by a construction project. Many of the homes directly around SW 10th Street with a limited buffer, if additional lanes are added to SW 10th Street. Noise from construction as well as the additional traffic will be a nuisance
- f. Roadway improvements will result in additional traffic along SW 10th Street

We discussed how best to engage with their community.

Consider putting information about the project in the quarterly newsletter. The next newsletter will be published at the end of June; the deadline for submitting information is June 25, 2015. The next newsletter will be published in October 2015.

Invite planners, engineers or transportation professionals who live in the development to get involved.

They shared that they have the capacity to blast an email to 60% of their population.

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